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FOR: **Method For Usage Billing In
An Internet Environment****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 29, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejection(s) of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

Please amend the application as follows:

I. In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for billing users in a service provider environment comprising the steps of:
- (a) assigning a weight score to each of at least one webserver function, wherein said